

Do not relax the rules restricting media ownership. The media should be available to all, arenas where all voices have the opportunity to be heard. Free speech is what keeps us a democracy, and newspapers, magazines, radio and television are essential to it. The trend toward mega-corporations' control of the media, and the resulting narrow bias in regard to what opinions and news shall be aired, distresses and angers me and everyone I know. Current media practices are already both insulting to our intelligence and a deliberate hindrance to our access to a fair balance of information. Lifting media ownership restrictions will make this situation much worse, and allow the very real possibility of all the media being controlled by one political branch. America's media are not supposed to be at risk of becoming a mouthpiece of the government or any other single entity.